

The President's Message.

An Unusually Lengthy Document Boiled Down--What Roosevelt had to say to Congress Tuesday here Presented in a Nut-Shell.

Atlanta Journal:

The annual message of the president of the United States, as read before both houses of the American congress is one of the longest in a number of years and treats with all subjects of vital interest in minute detail.

Corporations are especially referred to as one of the most important problems, and the president especially urges that trusts be curbed by safe and sane laws.

Railway rates and rebates are treated in detail, the president urging that such laws be framed as to make the granting of rebates an impossibility.

Safety appliances are especially urged for railroads, so as to better protect life and limbs of the countless thousands who earn their wages by facing the perils of the rail.

Hours of railroad men should not be so long as to cause them to become negligent of duty, because they have been exhausted physically and mentally because of their arduous hours.

The president favors the enactment of a suitable employers' liability law in the District of Columbia.

The labor question is given much space in the annual message and the president urges that employer and employe get on better terms and both work more consistently in future for a general understanding of the problems which they face.

The president urges that Washington be made the most beautiful city in the United States.

He asks that each state, as well as congress, investigate the child labor situation and take such steps as are necessary for the future betterment and uplifting of the nation.

The message calls attention to the fact that more than 5,000,000 women are battling every day in the struggle for life. He shows that the entry of women into the field of work has greatly decreased the number of marriages and the birth rate.

The insurance scandal occupies much of the serious thought and consideration of the message and the president urges that the investigation should be carried forward to the end with the hope that it will bring about the enactment of laws that will in future make graft in the great insurance fields a thing of impossibility.

Especially attention is given to the question of raising revenues.

The president is especially desirous of the practice of economy in expenditures.

An elastic currency is wanted by which all conditions can be met in the varying moods of the financial markets of the country.

Up-to-date business methods are desired in the various departments of the United States government by which graft and error may be completely eliminated in the future.

The president urges the enactment of laws that will protect the election of federal officers and abolish the opportunity for illegal ballots.

The Hague conference is given

especial attention and much space is given in the message to the discussion of war and peace. The president declares that the Monroe doctrine is one of the world's greatest weapons to prevent war.

Santo Domingo's appeal for aid meets with the approval of the president, who declares we can not afford to turn a deaf ear.

Better trained soldiers are necessary, with an increase in the coast artillery; a better and more efficient medical department in both the army and navy is urged. The president says the army should at all times be stronger than the navy. Faster naval scouts are needed to perfect the navy.

Naturalization laws, says the message, are sorely in need of revision.

Criminal laws should be made more effective to prevent crime.

Breaches of trust in public service is deplored and the president urges that such steps be taken to prevent as near as possible repetitions in the future. Legislation is asked for to make punishment inevitable.

Changes in land laws are asked. More government aid is desired in the building and repairing of levees along the Mississippi river.

A stronger and more efficient merchant marine is urged.

The president earnestly approves the Jamestown Tercennial and expresses the hope that the government, as well as foreign governments, will readily respond to the needs of the movement.

The excellent work of the pension bureau is endorsed and applauded by the president.

Much attention is paid to the question of immigration and the open door in China, as well as the Chinese exclusion act.

The civil service is indispensable, says the president, after reviewing this department.

The copyright laws are badly in need of revision, says the message, and particular attention is called to special instances.

The president emphatically calls for the stopping of adulteration in foodstuffs; he is delighted that the smoke nuisance has been abated in Washington.

More national parks are needed and the president approves the gift of forests for this purpose.

The life saving stations, pension departments and Indian question are all discussed at length.

The president congratulates congress on the situation in the Philippines, in which he declares that business is better and the Islands have at last been pacified.

It is the belief of the president that the United States should fortify Hawaii.

American citizenship is wanted for every citizen of Porto Rico.

Alaska should be given an elective delegate.

Insular affairs in general are discussed and much space in the message is given to routine work of departments of this branch of the government.

The president is in favor of the admission of Indian Territory and Oklahoma as one state and New Mexico and Arizona as one state.

The Panama canal portion of the message includes the well known position of the president on this subject. He declares that the American people are pledged to build the canal and asks for money and energy for that purpose.

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2nd. That Eugene C. Secrest, James M. Warwick and J. C. Foster are appointed managers to hold said election.

Done and ratified in Council assembled this 25th day of November, 1905.

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R. E. WYLIE, Mayor.

Seal
C. D. JONES, Clerk.

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